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Minister of Defence Peter MacKay falls as he takes part in a sledge hockey skills competition in Vancouver Thursday. The demonstration was hosted by the Canadian Forces Soldier On Program, which aims to empower ill and injured military personnel through sport. The 2010 Paralympic Winter Games open Friday.

Warm, dry winter may lead to difficult summer, top climatologist says

WEATHER A senior climatologist with Environment Canada says the balmy winter conditions seen across the country have left him shaking his head and worrying about what's in store for the summer.

David Phillips says this winter was the warmest on record in 63 years, with average temperatures in December through February that were four degrees higher than normal.

He says the season was al-

so unusually dry, with precipitation levels about 22 per cent lower than normal on average.

But Phillips says people hoping winter trends bode well for the summer may be in for a rude awakening.

He says winter temperatures are poor predictors of what's in store during the spring and summer.

He points out that the warm and dry conditions could lead to a host of problems in a few months.

He says farmers could experience droughts, dry forests may be at greater risk of fires, and bugs and parasites that are usually killed off in cold weather may thrive as temperatures rise.

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'Tis that time o' year to be Irish

The Ottawa St. Patrick's parade and Grand Irish Party are held this Saturday. Hosted by the Irish Society of the National Capital Region, the parade — which begins at city hall at 11 a.m., travels down Laurier Avenue West and Bank Street and ends at Lansdowne Park, where the party will be held from noon to 4 p.m. — features marching bands, floats and St. Patrick himself. The Ottawa Food Bank, the official parade charity, will be collecting money and non-perishable food donations along the parade route and at the Grand Irish Party.

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Traffic stop leads to 14 firearms-related charges

INVESTIGATION An Ottawa man was charged with 14 firearms-related offences after Ottawa police and OPP conducted a traffic stop on Champagne Avenue at Beech Street Wednesday.

Police said there was open alcohol in a vehicle operated by a lone male who refused to identify himself to police. Police said an investigation led to officers locating and seizing a loaded 9 mm handgun.

Faysal Bayshir, 25, faces charges.

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Blue whale rising from ashes

Skeleton of 19-metre female getting home at Water Gallery

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One of the rarest marine specimens in the world is coming home to the Canadian Museum of Nature to become the centerpiece of a new permanent exhibit opening this spring.

Experts at the Canadian Museum of Nature are in the process of mounting a blue whale skeleton in the Water Gallery.

Once mounted, the whale will be the first and only specimen of its kind mounted in Canada, said Jonathan Ferrabee, exhibition designer with the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The blue whale — the largest animal on the planet — was collected from a Codroy, N.L. beach in 1975 and shipped to Ottawa during a rail strike in the middle of a heat wave, said Clayton Kennedy, senior collection technician at the museum who is in charge of the installation.

The whale — an immature female measuring 19 metres that Kennedy estimates was between four to six years old when it was likely killed by a ship strike



Clayton Kennedy, senior collection technician at the Canadian Museum of Nature, works on installing the skeleton of a blue whale in the museum's newly renovated area Thursday. The public can view the whale on May 22. Inset: the blue whale's head.

— was buried in the National Capital Commission orchard, dug up in 1983, washed off and was stored in the Canadian Museum of Nature collection room since.

The museum built a 2,000-litre tank to further degrease the 5,000 pounds of bone.

Before the renovations at the museum, there was never space to display it, said

Kennedy.

The installation, which began Monday, will be completed sometime next week and be open to public viewing when the Victoria Memorial Museum Building re-opens on May 22.

Kennedy believes the whale will be a popular feature. "It's a rare species and this is an opportunity to see at least a skeleton close up," he said.

The Water Gallery is about water as a broad subject, Ferrabee said.

While the whale will be featured in the oceans section along with a Pacific aquarium, the freshwater section features a huge freshwater aquarium that shows off river life in eastern and central Canada. "You'll see a lot of freshwater fish that live right in our backyard," he said.

Artist's 'visual poem' in progress at city hall

GALLERY It's a long, drawn-out story, like a visual poem.

Over the next five or six weeks, artist Jennifer Stead will be creating a charcoal landscape on a 125-foot long roll of paper lining the walls at the City Hall Art Gallery.

"It's both an imaginary landscape and a response to nature," said Stead on Thursday, the first day of the exhibit. "Because I live

in Ottawa, it's going to be the local environment — the Gatineaus, Mud Lake and it's also the landscape from my memories, so pieces from Alberta may show up also."

Visitors can watch as the image evolves. While the mural does not tell a story, per se, Stead said there is a visual narrative running through the piece.

"This is, in a sense, like

a book, but it's abstracted like language is abstracted, there is a sense of the beginning," she said. "It's like a visual poem."

Stead will be in the gallery most days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until it's completed sometime around the middle of April.

The completed drawing will be on view the final week of the exhibition.

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Artist Jennifer Stead works on the early section of an evolving charcoal landscape exhibit.

Motorbike tour raises money for cancer, military fund

CAMPAIGN This year, 4,300 Canadian men will die from prostate cancer.

But it doesn't have to be that way, said local broadcasting legend and prostate cancer survivor Max Keeping.

"This is one of the cancers we can beat," said Keeping, who helped launch the Motorcycle Ride for Dad 10th Anniversary Cross-Canada Tour campaign Thursday. "I can't think of anything that will be as powerful as a motorcycle ride telling Canadian men you do not have to die of prostate cancer."



The event, which raises Rostad

funds for prostate cancer awareness, will also fundraise for the Military Families Fund, which former Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier created in 2007 to assist military families faced with unforeseen and often immediate needs.

The event has grown over the years, said Motorcycle Ride for Dad tour marshal Wayne Rostad.

The event started in Ottawa 10 years ago with 80 riders, raising \$20,000. Since then, over 100,000 people have helped raise \$5 million to fight prostate cancer and grow the event into a massive cross-country tour, he said. The ride, which begins on Aug. 1 in St. John's, N.L., ends in Victoria on Aug. 27.

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Fundraiser Dynasty-themed FurBall



Laureen Harper, right, helps FurBall emcee Sandy Sharkey put the finishing touches on her customized pet bowl, which will be auctioned off at this year's gala, to be held on March 27 at the National Gallery of Canada. The annual gala raises money for the Ottawa Humane Society. Harper said she plans on using Krystal Carrington as her inspiration for the Dynasty-themed event.

Pro baseball returns

Ottawa's new IBL team begins play May 15

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It doesn't have a name just yet, but the home opener for Ottawa's newest pro baseball team is May 15.

"We have eight weeks to go," said Duncan MacDonald, the team's general manager. "We're a little behind our own critical path, but we're still going to be there at the end."

On Wednesday, the Intercounty Baseball League awarded an expansion fran-

chise to the Ottawa Stadium Group Ltd., after the team was awarded a lease to the former Lynx Stadium earlier this month.

Getting that approval for the stadium in time to join the eight-team league this season required a great effort from many people, including Orleans Coun. Bob Monette, said MacDonald.

The Ottawa franchise will compete against the teams from Barrie, Brantford,

Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Mississauga and Toronto.

The franchise will reveal

its team name and head coach next week. Work has already begun in assembling a roster.

Professional baseball has failed twice in Ottawa. Most recently, the Ottawa

Rapizd lasted just one season in the Can-Am league before going bankrupt.

MacDonald said the marketing plan will be on value for money with the focus on creating an entertaining and affordable experience the whole family can enjoy.

"We're just going to go out and have some fun," said MacDonald. "Our goal isn't about how the team is going to perform. Our goal will be, if you come to the stadium, you're going to be entertained."

Four wanted after robberies

BURGLARIES Police are seeking four suspects after two Mac's Milk convenience stores were robbed in separate incidents Thursday morning.

The first incident occurred at an Orleans Mac's Milk at 2:15 a.m., when two males armed with a handgun and wearing dark clothing with covered faces entered the store, police said. The clerk was assaulted and lottery tickets and a laptop were taken. The assailants fled toward Jeanne D'Arc Boulevard.

The second incident occurred at 4:15 a.m., when two males entered a Mac's Milk on Arch Street and threatened a clerk with what police described as a small black firearm.

Lottery tickets, cigarettes and cash were taken.

Police are now seeking three white males and a black male.

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News in brief

PORN BUST One of the men wanted in connection with a provincial child porn sweep turned himself in to the Ottawa police Thursday. Jean Michel Duval, 26, appears in court Friday charged with one count of possession of child pornography. Police continue to seek Alex Mason, 29, who is also wanted for possession of child pornography.

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A delegation from First Nations University of Canada has been told Ottawa won't restore \$7 million in annual funding to the Saskatchewan-based institution. Last month, Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl said he'd waited long enough for the university to reform itself and would halt funding after the end of the fiscal year on March 31. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Bill may boost Indian registry

Ottawa plans new status to grandchildren

The federal government has introduced legislation to extend formal Indian status to the grandchildren of aboriginal women who married non-natives.

The change could add as many as 45,000 people to the Indian registry.

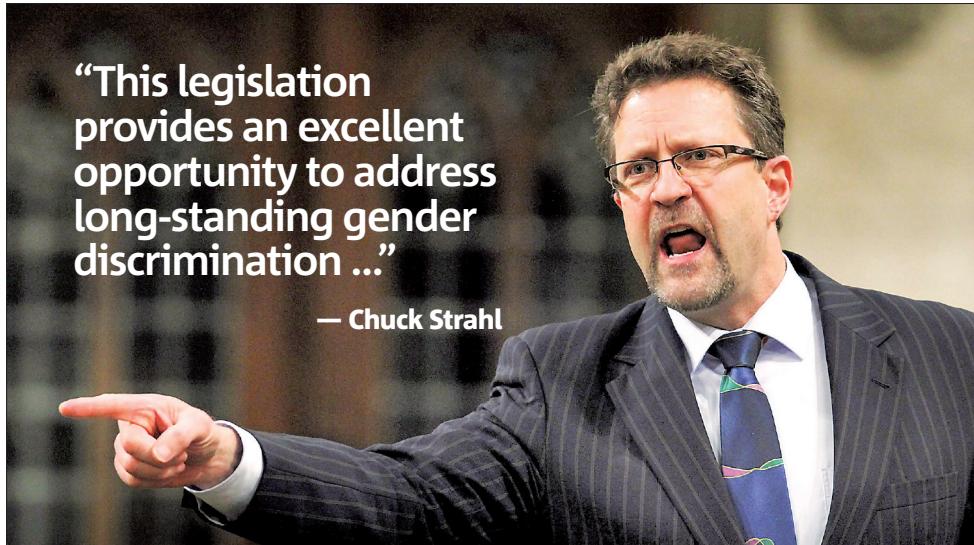
The bill, introduced in the Commons Thursday by Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl, is in response to a 2009 B.C. court judgment that ruled a law denying Indian status to the grandchildren was discriminatory.

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Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl defends Indian status legislation in the House of Commons Thursday.

The government has applied for an extension to push that deadline to the end of the current parliamentary session.

NDP critic Jean Crowder said her party will support the bill, although she said it doesn't address several broader native questions.

"It's a very narrow response to the B.C. court decision; they did what they minimally had to do," she said.

Strahl said he plans to consult aboriginal groups about any further reforms that are needed.

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Networks battle to show inquest

COURT News outlets were to be in court Friday to argue that an inquest into the death of a homeless man should be televised so as many people as possible can watch it.

Brian Sinclair, a double amputee, died of a preventable bladder infection after a 34-hour wait in a hospital emergency room in September 2008.

The inquest is set for later this year in a Winnipeg court. Networks including CBC, CTV, Global and APTN will argue the public has a right to watch it on TV or the web. Cameras are banned from Manitoba courts, but inquests at other locations have been broadcast. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Israel gets a rare rebuke

Canada fears for peace

Canada is sounding a rare criticism of Israel after news of plans to build a housing unit in disputed East Jerusalem.

The 1,600-home settlement on the annexed land has stoked the fires of the long-burning Mideast conflict, with the Palestinian leadership threatening to shut down nascent peace talks with the Israelis.

"Canada believes that all parties should abide by their international commitments," Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon, Lawrence Cannon said Thursday.

"This announcement does not advance the cause of peace in the region."

Canada's position is no change of course for the Conservative govern-



ment's foreign policy agenda.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Tories have taken one of the most open pro-Israeli stances of any government since the creation of the Jewish state.

But in May, during a visit to Ottawa by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Cannon said any expansion of settlement on disputed land would be "illegal."

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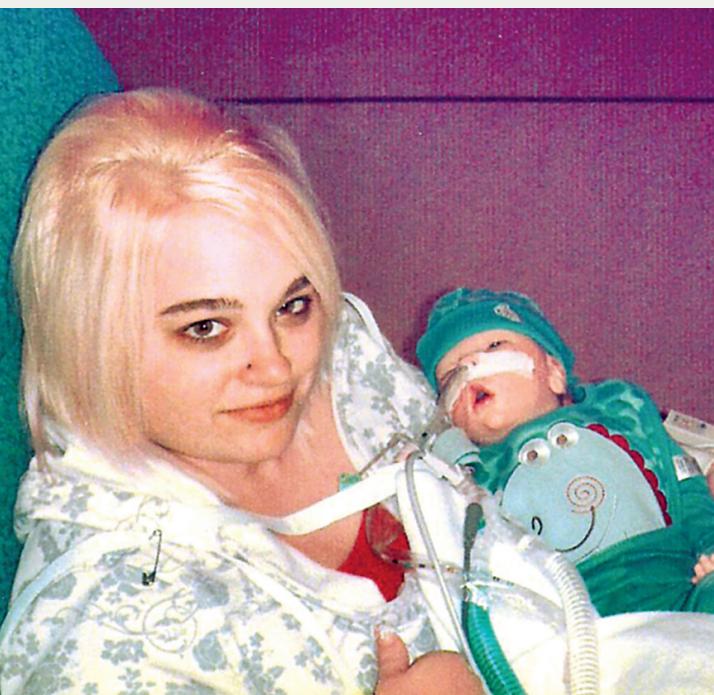
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Stephen Harper said Thursday his government has put Canada on track to emerge stronger and faster from the global recession than any other industrialized country. But Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said the throne speech had no new ideas. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Baby Isaiah 'We have set our tiny miracle free'



In an undated family photo, Rebecka May holds her brain-injured baby Isaiah May. She and her partner dropped a court battle to keep him on life support. Thursday he died in his parents' arms as they sought to consult with medical experts in Edmonton. "We have set our tiny miracle free and he is now home in the arms of angels," the parents said in a statement.

Jury weeps at murder verdict

CRIME Jury members broke into tears Thursday after finding a Nunavut man guilty of first-degree murder for shooting a Mountie in the head while the officer sat in his police truck.

Pingoatuk Koloala, 39, was charged after RCMP Const. Doug Scott was shot on Nov. 5, 2007, in Kimmirut, Baffin Island. Seven of the jurors were from the tiny community.

As the jury filed out, loud weeping could be heard from the adjacent hallway. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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About 550 employees at the Siemens Energy gas turbine plant in Hamilton, Ont., are set to lose their jobs as the German industrial conglomerate relocates the facility to North Carolina. The jobs will be eliminated over the next 12 to 18 months and the facility will be closed in July 2011. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Regulating religious wear a touchy policy

In the struggle to integrate newcomers to Canada, Quebec has distanced itself from other provinces with its hardline stand against religious face coverings, which is likely to earn it a reputation as either a farsighted pioneer or intolerant loner.

Provincial governments in the rest of the country appear leery about setting rules omitting access to public services for people who wear certain forms of religious attire, as Quebec did earlier this week.

Immigration Department officials in the province expelled a Muslim woman from government-sponsored language classes after she refused to remove her niqab, a Muslim face covering that reveals only the eyes.

It was the second time the Quebec government confronted the woman, prompting Immigration Minister Yolande James to declare: "If you want to as-

Non-white population

- According to the latest Statistics Canada report, only 16 per cent of Montreal's population was non-white in 2006. That number was actually

well below 10 per cent in other population centres, including Quebec City (two per cent) and Saguenay (one per cent).

sist at (attend) our classes, if you want to integrate into Quebec society, here are our values."

"We want to see your face."

Not so in other parts of the country.

Like Quebec, Ontario also sponsors language courses for immigrants. But unlike Quebec, newcomers to Ontario are allowed face coverings, such as a niqab, in their courses.

"We are an open Ontario," said Indira Naidoo-Harris, a spokeswoman for Ontario Citizenship and Immigration Minister Eric Hoskins. "We are committed to creating an open society where all Ontarians are respected."

The same holds true for British Columbia, which like many other provinces doesn't have a defined policy on face coverings in government-funded language courses.

Outside Quebec, governments seem more hesitant about regulating what people wear.

But inside Quebec, such sartorial matters have political consequences and are understood as part of the long-running debate over how to reasonably accommodate minorities.

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Paralympic flame Luongo carries the torch



Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo carries the Paralympic flame during the Paralympic torch relay in Vancouver on Thursday. The 2010 Paralympic Winter Games open Friday.

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HST Provincial tax collectors have hit the HST jackpot. The 1,251 Ontario employees are receiving up to \$45,000 in severance pay as their jobs transfer from the provincial ministry of revenue to the federal equivalent. The move

had the Ontario Progressive Conservatives screaming mad in the legislature Thursday. **FRAUD** An influential leader in a powerful construction union in Quebec is being sought on fraud and forgery charges. A warrant has been

issued for the arrest of Joelyn Dupuis for crimes allegedly committed in 2007 and 2008 while he was at the helm of the Quebec Federation of Labour's influential construction wing.

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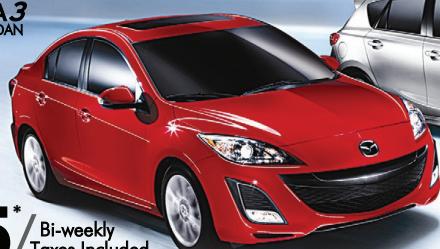
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World



Bail granted to former Bosnian VP

Britain's High Court granted bail Thursday to former Bosnian vice-president Ejup Ganic, who was arrested at London's Heathrow Airport on a Serbian war-crimes warrant earlier this month. The 64-year-old was arrested March 1 for his alleged role in the 1992 death of Yugoslav army troops in Bosnia. Belgrade accuses Ganic of ordering an attack on retreating soldiers in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo.

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Leader's 1st day marred by quakes

The earth shook Thursday as dignitaries walked in for the swearing-in of Sebastian Pinera as Chile's president.

The president and his ministers then quickly swore their oaths, and the audience of 2,000 headed for the exits, joining an evacuation called out of concern that Thursday's repeated aftershocks would set off another tsunami.

Inauguration day was peppered with more than



Sebastien Pinera

a dozen significant aftershocks, amply demonstrating Pinera's challenges after last month's 8.8-magnitude quake, one of the biggest in modern history.

Chile's first elected right-wing president in 52 years won office promising

to improve the economy. He says he'll be the "reconstruction president." His advice to citizens: "Let's dry our tears and put our hands to work."

But relief efforts stalled Thursday as more than 10 earthquakes shook Chile in a span of six hours. The strongest, at 6.9, nearly matched the 7.0-magnitude quake that devastated Haiti on Jan. 12.

Pinera said there were no reports of more deaths,

but a key highway suffered more damage in the inland city of Rancagua, and violent waves hit the coastal towns of Pichilemu and Bucaramanga. Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter said.

Pinera urged citizens to heed the Chilean navy's tsunami warning and seek higher ground. Then he made a show of normality, greeting other presidents for lunch at the Cerro Castillo palace, where he boarded a helicopter to

tour disaster areas.

The inauguration had lasted just 30 minutes.

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Thai capital preparing for 'million-man march'

RALLY Bangkok braced for possible violence as anti-government demonstrators prepared Friday to launch what they hope will be one of the country's biggest protests ever, aiming to force Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to call new elections.

Leaders of the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship — called the Red Shirts because of their hallmark garb — have vowed to keep their "million-man march" nonviolent.

The Red Shirts include followers of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra and other people who oppose the 2006 military coup that toppled him. They believe Abhisit came to power illegitimately with the connivance of the military and other parts of the traditional Thai ruling class, who were fearful of Thaksin's popularity while in office in 2001-2006.

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Previous protest

- The group's last major protest in Bangkok in April last year deteriorated into rioting that saw two people killed, more than 120 people injured and buses burned on major thoroughfares. The army was called in to quash the unrest.

England Thumbing his snout at MPs



A British policeman guards a protester wearing a pig mask outside the Westminster Magistrates Court in London. The masked man was demonstrating against several parliamentarians who were in court facing charges of false accounting related to their expense claims.

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British officials want Facebook to create 'panic button' for youth

SAFETY British officials say they're pressuring Facebook to make a "panic button" available on its web pages following the death of a teenager at the hands of a man she met on the popular social networking site.

British child-protection authorities have been lobbying Facebook and other social networking sites to install a one-click button that can allow children to get immediate police help if they suspect they're at risk.

Calls for Facebook to install the button intensified following the kidnap, rape and murder of 17-year-old Ashleigh Hall. Her killer, Peter Chapman, used a bogus Facebook identity to befriend her online.

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News in brief

ISRAEL The Israeli military says two soldiers have been indicted on criminal charges for actions during last year's military offensive in Gaza. The soldiers will be tried for allegedly making a Palestinian boy open bags they suspected to be booby trapped with explosives. The military alleges the soldiers did so despite military orders not to use civilians for operational activity.

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A U.S. federal appeals court in San Francisco upheld the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency, rejecting arguments on Thursday that the phrases violate the principle of separation of church and state. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Vatican doesn't want condoms in school

The decision by a Rome high school to install condom vending machines has set off a storm in Italy, with the Catholic Church charging the move will encourage young people to have sex and Rome's mayor saying it sends the wrong message.

But the Keplero high school vowed Thursday to go ahead with its experiment, billed as the first in the capital. While it's a relative novelty for Italy, schools in several other European countries have installed the machines in hopes of curbing teen pregnancy and HIV.

"This is not about stimulating the use of condoms or intercourse."

Antonio Panaccione, school headmaster

"This is not about stimulating the use of condoms or intercourse," Antonio Panaccione, the school headmaster, told The Associated Press. "On the contrary, it's about prevention and education."

The school plans to install six vending machines as part of educating students about sexuality and HIV

protection.

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the pope's vicar for Rome, said the decision trivialized sex. He said it "cannot be approved by Rome's ecclesiastical community or by Christian families who are seriously concerned with the education of their children."

The newspaper of the Italian Bishops' Conference said Thursday that sex was being reduced to "mere physical exercise." The newspaper lamented that young people these days have no spiritual guidance on sexuality.

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Athens Street clashes



Rioters clash with riot police during a demonstration against the Greek government's austerity plan in Athens on Thursday. Street clashes have erupted between rioting youths and police in central Athens as more than 30,000 people demonstrated during a nationwide strike against the government's austerity measures.

AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis

Sarkozy could face election drubbing

FRANCE Nicolas Sarkozy is looking politically lonely in his presidential palace.

Voters hit by France's worst recession since the Second World War are fearing for their jobs, and are worried and conflicted about how Islamic veils and immigrant culture fit in their nation today. They get a chance to voice their frustration in an election starting Sunday that is likely to leave opposition Socialists in charge of nearly every regional government in France. The left is even

dreaming of a "grand slam": Control over all 26 regions.

The usually confident and charismatic Sarkozy, though he's not on the ballot, is likely to emerge the big loser in this vote, halfway through a presidential term he vowed would transform his country into an economic powerhouse.

Sarkozy's approval ratings are below 40 per cent, and Socialists secured a stunning 20 of 22 regions on mainland France in the last elections in 2004.

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News in brief

SCANDAL A top Austrian newspaper cites two former members of the famed Vienna Boys Choir as saying they were sexually abused by their supervisors. The Der Standard daily reported Thursday that the allegation was made by two unnamed members of the group — both now adults.

SOMALIA Heavy fighting between Somali insurgents and pro-government troops has killed at least 43 people over two days, as peacekeepers used tanks to help the government beat an insurgent attack.

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March Break

March 15 to 19

With schools closed and many people on holidays, resulting in a lower demand for service, a reduced weekday schedule will operate during the March Break.

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By the number-hood

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How well do you know your own neighbourhood? Some of the numbers might surprise you.

The updated Ottawa Neighbourhood Study, released Tuesday by the University of Ottawa's Institute of Population Health, examines 97 city neighbourhoods, some of which you might not recognize by name. Each is clearly defined and carefully measured in terms of health and fitness, available green space, children's readiness for school and other markers of community well-being.

City officials and community activists alike say

they're using the wealth of information provided by the ONS, but there's plenty for individual citizens to chew on, too. The data is explained for the most part in plain language, and "Rates of relative child poverty in the city are eye-opening and more than a little discouraging."

Comparisons between neighbourhoods may inflate or deflate one's civic pride, but bragging rights aside, the study offers a picture of what may be going right and wrong in your area.

For example, the study measures neighbourhood political engagement, as indicated by voter turnout rates. On average, about 47 per cent of eligible voters across the city voted in the last municipal election, but in politically active Crystal Bay-Lakeview, the turnout was 60.5 per cent. In Cummings, it was 24

per cent.

Rates of relative child poverty in the city are eye-opening and more than a little discouraging. On average, about 17 per cent of children in Ottawa live below the low-income cut-off (LICO), but that rate varies significantly by area. It's four per cent in the South Keys-Heron Gate-Greenboro West neighbourhood, but 57 per cent in Ledbury-Heron Gate-Ridgemont-Elmwood.

The odd thing is these two neighbourhoods are next door to each other. The ONS draws a strong correlation between neighbourhood health and what sort of food is readily available. If grocery and specialty food stores are nearby, people are more likely to eat their veggies and less likely to be obese. Metro's own Centretown neigh-

bourhood has a mixed record here, poorly served in terms of grocery stores, but boasting 28 specialty food stores.

Similarly, a high density of fast food outlets tends to make for unhealthier neighbourhoods. Centretown residents are awash in delicious, fattening garbage, courtesy of 23 convenience stores and 148 fast food places, or 6.1 per thousand people.

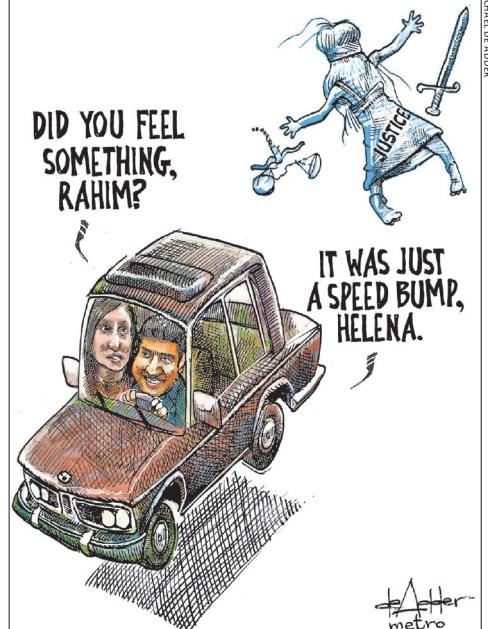
"Of some concern is the fact that all of Centretown's seven schools are within 500 metres (or less than eight minutes walk) of a fast food outlet," the authors warn.

It's just as well that 43.7 per cent of the locals walk to work, compared to the city average of seven per cent.

You can crunch your own neighbourhood numbers at www.ottawaighbourhoodstudy.ca.

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Worth mentioning

Censorship getting more sophisticated: Report

Repressive regimes have stepped up efforts to censor the Internet and jail dissidents, Reporters Without Borders said in a study out Thursday.

Least tolerant

Reporters Without Borders issued its annual report on countries least tolerant of Internet freedoms:

Enemies of the Internet:

China, Iran and Tunisia, which are on the group's "Enemies of the Internet" list, got more sophisticated at censoring and overcoming dissidents' attempts to communicate online,

said Reporters Without Borders' Washington director Clothilde Le Coz.

regimes seemed to be winning a technological tussle with dissidents who try to circumvent online restrictions.

Meanwhile, Turkey and Russia found themselves on the group's "Under Surveillance" list of nations in danger of making the main enemies list.

Although Zimbabwe and Yemen dropped from the surveillance list, that was

primarily because the Internet isn't used much in either country, rather than because of changes by the government, Le Coz said.

Reporters Without Borders issued the third annual report ahead of Friday's World Day Against Cyber Censorship, an awareness campaign organized by the Paris-based group.

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regimes seemed to be winning a technological tussle with dissidents who try to circumvent online restrictions.

She said some U.S. technology companies have been aiding the regimes by selling equipment and filtering software that could be used for such censorship.

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Views

Keeping your plastic fantastically safe

Marketplace

Erica
Johnson

There's a good chance you've had that call from your bank or credit card company telling you your credit card has been compromised and you need a new one. That happened to me two months ago. And when I asked the customer service rep how my card was stolen, she mentioned thieves stealing the information off computers.

It's kind of ironic, because at Marketplace that was just the story we were working on — the newest way crooks are stealing

your debit and credit card numbers. They're called "smash-and-grab" thieves — they drive through store doors, or smash through restaurant windows — and make off with a hard drive attached to the point-of-sale terminal (where they swipe your card).

Why? Because we've learned that hundreds — even thousands — of debit and credit card numbers can remain stored on the computer hard drive. Even after it's supposedly been wiped clean.

The crooks are hitting small outlets and major chains alike. So we've put together a few tips to protect your plastic.

Whenever possible, pay cash. It might seem a bit Dark Ages, but every expert we talked to told us they don't trust point-of-sale ter-

minals (or those smaller hand-held debit machines). If you must pay with plastic, security experts we talked to suggest you don't use your debit card. Pull out your credit card because any fraudulent charges are guaranteed to be reimbursed by the credit card company.

Check your credit card statements carefully. Confirm you made all the purchases. If there's something on the statement you can't account for, call your credit card company immediately (then document the date and time you called and the name of the person who handled your call).

If you have concerns, ask the retailer how they ensure your information is secure. Do they wipe the hard drive clean every night? Of course, in our research, we

discovered that even though companies thought their terminals were safe, they weren't. But asking makes the point that you care about how your information is handled.

If your card does get compromised, ask the bank where and how your information was stolen. Unlike in the U.S., there's no law in Canada forcing the banks to cough up that information — but the more that people demand to know, the greater the pressure on banks to inform customers (versus protecting the merchant).

Find out what crooks do with your credit card information Friday on Marketplace at 8:30.

Erica Johnson is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

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TD chief economist to retire

TD Bank chief economist Don Drummond plans to retire at the end of June. The bank says Drummond will be succeeded by Craig Alexander, who is currently TD's deputy chief economist. Drummond will assist in the transition of Alexander into the role, and will continue to work as an adviser to TD Bank. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Student? File your taxes

Available credits make it worth the effort

Most students wouldn't place taxes at the top of their to-do list, when hamming out essays and cramming for exams demands pretty much their full attention.

But filing a tax return has its perks — even if the task seems daunting.

Students who have little or no income may wonder

tax man.

For one thing, at age 19 Canadians become eligible to collect a quarterly GST/HST credit, which lasts for however long they remain in a low tax bracket. But no cheques will come in the mail if the government doesn't have your tax information on hand. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Student credits

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whether it's worthwhile to even file a return if they don't owe anything to the



Economy ready to grow: RBC

GDP A new forecast from RBC Economics says Canada's economy is poised for real GDP growth of 3.1 per cent this year and 3.9 per cent in 2011.

It says a peak in stimulus investment, improved credit markets and a recovery in consumer spending are fuelling the increase.

Chief economist Craig Wright says a recovery is "solidly taking root in Canada" also due to low interest rates and improved credit markets. He says strength in the housing market and investment by the private sector should provoke additional economic growth. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Shark fins Endangered delicacy



A woman walks past shark fins displayed at a dried seafood shop in Hong Kong. A UN body is considering proposals to regulate the shark trade and ban the export of a tuna species prized by sushi lovers, in a meeting starting Saturday in Doha, Qatar. At least four shark species have seen their numbers drop dramatically since the 1980s, due to rising demand for shark fin soup.

MPs question Transport Canada over Toyota

INQUIRY Transport Canada came under fire from MPs yesterday over its handling of safety concerns with Toyota vehicles after disclosing that authorities had received 17 acceleration-relat-

ed complaints before last fall's recall. Department officials were called on the carpet by opposition MPs at a committee meeting to answer why they did not respond more quickly to the

problems.

Transport officials defended their response and noted there had been no confirmed cases of fatalities in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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All-star shortstop Jose Reyes has been told to rest and refrain from athletic activity for two to eight weeks until his thyroid levels normalize, another blow to the New York Mets before opening day. Centre-fielder Carlos Beltran already is expected to miss the first month of the season following right knee surgery Jan. 13. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Football legend dies

Hall of Famer Merlin Olsen, who helped form one of the NFL's greatest defensive lines before embarking on a successful career in television, died Thursday after a battle with cancer. He was 69. Olsen, left, was a member of the Los Angeles Rams' "Fearsome Four-some" in the 1960s. He later starred on NFL broadcasts, commercials, and as Jonathan Garvey on the TV series *Little House on the Prairie*.

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Woods back by Masters?

April event will likely mark golfer's return, sources say

Tiger Woods intends to remain out of golf at least until the Masters, two people with knowledge of his plans told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Woods has been practising at Isleworth near his Orlando home the last two weeks, and swing coach Hank Haney flew there during the weekend to work with him. That led to speculation Thursday he was close to playing again.

The two people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is supposed to release such information, say he is likely to play first at Augusta National in April.

Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competing before showing up at a major. The

first time was in 2006, when he didn't play after the Masters while coping with his father's death, then missed the cut in a major for the first time in the U.S. Open at Winged Foot. Two years ago, he was out with knee surgery



until winning the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines on a shattered left knee.

Woods has not played since Nov. 15, when he won the Australian Masters in Melbourne for his 82nd career victory.

Tiger Woods

Twelve days later, he crashed his SUV into a tree near his Florida home, setting off shocking revelations that he had been cheating on his wife.

In his first public appearance Feb. 19 at the TPC Sawgrass, when he apologized for his behaviour and confessed to having extramarital affairs, he said he would return to golf and that "I don't rule out that it will be this year."

There have been signs during the last few weeks he was getting closer.

Woods returned from family therapy in Arizona on Feb. 28 and began getting into a routine of fitness and practice. Haney was working with Woods on the practice range earlier this week.

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Soweto set to be centre of soccer world

Field of Play



Scott Russell

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South Africa, and Johannesburg in particular, present new waters to navigate. They also force an acceptance that most barriers can be broken down on the Earth's fields of play.

At the spectacular Soccer City stadium in Soweto, once the scene of so much strife in a racially divided country, there is now a palpable feeling that those days may be extinct. They just might be replaced by the pride that the black majority will feel when 89,000 plus gather in the sparkling new monument to a beloved game.

When Mexico and South Africa open the World Cup in early June they will do so just down the street from the dilapidated metal shacks and the memories of apartheid. The scars of a wounded society remain. Most of the people here can't afford a ticket — they can't even dream of it.

Still, they are determined to be gracious and willing hosts.

"We have seen those stars, Ronaldo of Portugal, Rooney of England and Torres of Spain, but only playing on TV," says Harold Moyo, a worker at the Soccer City stadium. "But this is special because it's the only time we will see them

playing live and on our home soil and we are very proud of it."

At a

Soweto primary school where most of the 420 students are orphans, the kids who battle back and forth with a ragged football shout the names of South African stars like Teko Modise and Steven Pienaar. But they also joyously identify international icons such as Lionel Messi of Argentina, Thierry Henry of France and Kaka, the brilliant, Brazilian midfielder.

Such is the universal recognition that the World Cup in Africa is a good thing, not just for sport, but also for human beings who are devoted to the "Beautiful Game."

"These are our country's most disadvantaged children," says Makhotso Sambo, the school's principal. "But in the World Cup and the players who come, they will see that maybe there is something better in their future if they work hard."

In Soweto, it seems, there's not a lot to fear. Instead hope springs eternal in what is for now, the world's most important soccer city.

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Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sens Calgary clash



Ottawa Senators defenceman Chris Phillips collides with Calgary Flame Rene Bourque during Thursday night in Calgary. **For game results, visit metronews.ca/sports.**

Alberta comes close, but Ontario keeps perfect record

BRIER Ontario survived a scare against Alberta to emerge undefeated from the round robin portion of the Tim Hortons Brier on Thursday night, holding on for a 7-6 win to preserve its momentum heading into the playoffs this weekend.

Skip Glenn Howard will face off against Brad Jacobs, his 24-year-old rival from Northern Ontario, in the 1-2 page playoff Friday night. The winner of that game will earn a direct berth into Sunday's final at the Canadian men's curling championship.

Alberta will face Newfoundland and Labrador in the other playoff game, on Saturday.

Brad Gushue snuffed out any threat of a tie-breaker by leading his Newfound-

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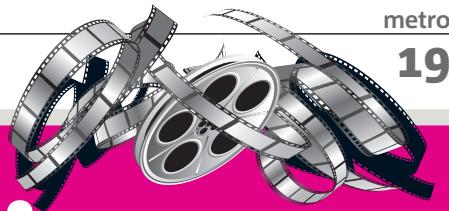
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Remember acting, not twist

Remember Me

Director: Allen Coulter
Stars: Robert Pattinson, Pierce Brosnan, Emilie de Ravin
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

The new Robert Pattinson vehicle, Remember Me, is basically Ordinary People updated for the Death Cab for Cutie set, with a big "twist" ending that some will see coming from the first 10 minutes.

The problem is the twist adds nothing to the characters or story, really, and comes off feeling like a cheap gotcha move. The less said about it, the better.

On the other hand, perhaps the best thing about the movie is that watching it, all the hype about Twilight hunk Pattinson finally makes sense, since he's finally been given something to do besides mope and sparkle.

He stars as college student Tyler Hawkins, the now-oldest child of a rich New York City family fractured by tragedy.



Robert Pattinson and Emilie de Ravin turn up the romantic heat in Remember Me.

Some might find his performance a little overdone in spots, but it perfectly captures the emotional confusion of that age.

Under somewhat false pretenses, he starts dating fellow student Ally (Emilie de Ravin), also from a fam-

ily fractured by tragedy, though much lower down the financial totem pole.

The film is as much de Ravin's as it is Pattinson's, and she is lovely.

Pierce Brosnan, Chris Cooper and Lena Olin turn in strong supporting performances as the parents of

the young lovers. The course of Tyler and Ally's relationship — and how they help each other heal their respective families' wounds — is nicely told and affecting.

It's just a shame the filmmakers couldn't leave it at that.

On the web**Total Eclipse of the heart:**

- Can't get enough of Robert Pattinson, or shall we say, Edward Cullen? Watch the brand new trailer of Eclipse, the third instalment of the Twilight Saga, at metronews.ca/movies
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League's vulgarity straight from heart

She's Out Of My League

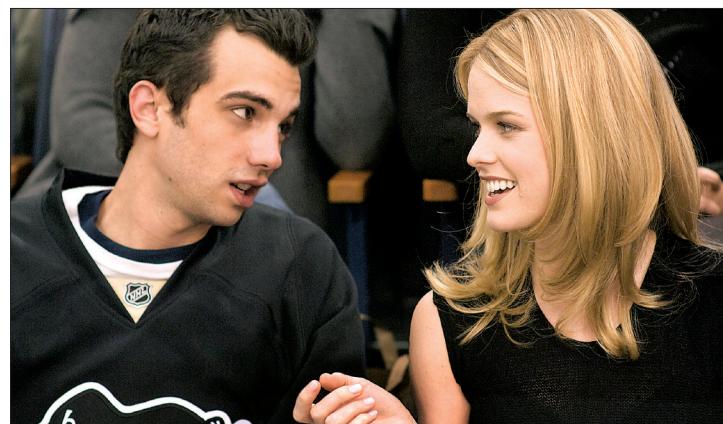
Director: Jim Field Smith
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW Every now and again you witness a guy dating a woman who is far too gorgeous for him and you ponder, "why would she be with that dude?"

Now first-time director Jim Field Smith aims to answer that very conundrum with his better-than-it-looks comedy, She's Out of My League.

Starring Montreal's Jay Baruchel in his first big-budget leading role, the Knocked Up scene-stealer capitalizes on his lanky structure and geeky demeanour as Kirk, a humble airport employee who reluctantly meets a blonde beauty (Alice Eve) when she leaves her iPhone at airport security.



Canadian actor Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve star in She's Out of My League.

However, even though a natural attraction develops between the pair, Kirk and his misguided slacker buddies nay-say the seduction into submission, saddled mostly by Kirk's ultimate disbelief that he could land a "hard 10."

A familiar storyline that could've easily been forgettable, Smith smartly aims for the heart but goes for the groin by punctuating a

formulaic film with seat-squirming indecency.

Following the similar gross-out style mastered by the Farrelly Brothers, the most memorable moments of League come courtesy of excruciating sequences involving guys' genital grooming and premature ejaculation.

If you can look beyond that level of vulgarity, this comedy reveals its true hu-

manity — a kind-hearted look at earnest love in spite of all its insecurities.

Which is what makes this perfect launch pad for its star. With an awkward sensitivity, Baruchel expertly captures the loser that hides within all of us with a subtlety that's truly believable amongst the mayhem. Besides, if he can land a "hard 10," there's hope for the rest of us!



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Politics, action don't gel in Zone

Green Zone

Director: Paul Greengrass
Stars: Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear, Amy Ryan
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

Green Zone is a curious new creation by the Bourne Ultimatum actor/director team of Matt Damon and Paul Greengrass.

The film wants to be both a complicated drama about the questionable motives behind the U.S. invasion of Iraq and a relentless action thriller.

Each element is done well in isolated sequences, but

they are awkwardly shoehorned together into a two-hour running time that can barely contain all of the ideas and explosions.

Had the filmmakers focused on making either an intimate political drama or a popcorn action flick, this could have been an excellent film. Instead it's merely a muddled, but interesting movie that should have been more.

Damon stars in action hero mode as a soldier whose missions to discover WMDs keep turning up empty despite constant casualties on both sides.

He tries to uncover the truth and learns that all of the intelligence reports are coming from questionable sources, the CIA doesn't seem to know what's going

on, and a high profile American journalist is writing articles about an informant in Iraq who might not exist.

It's a big complicated mess, not unlike what really happened in Iraq.

But with consistent action beats coming every 15-20 minutes, it can be frustrating to slingshot from confusion to stylized battles.

The actors are well cast and the production is expertly executed, but something about the balance just doesn't seem right and it quickly becomes distracting.

Part of this comes down to director Greengrass who creates films with an inordinate emphasis on realism.

Green Zone is shot with

***** A CLASSIC; ***** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR



Matt Damon returns to action-hero mode in Green Zone.

an endlessly shaking documentary-style camera and features an incredibly detailed production design that puts the audience in the heart of the battle.

But the plot is laid in such

a conventional matter that it will often take viewers out of the immersive experience.

So much of Green Zone is done well that it's an impossible movie to hate, but it

doesn't add up to more than a sum of its impressive parts.

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What's with the Viagra?

Our Family Wedding

Director: Rick Famuyiwa
Stars: America Ferrera, Lance Gross
Classification: PG
Rating:

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

REVIEW In his new culture-clash comedy, Our Family Wedding, director Rick Famuyiwa tries to get beyond racial clichés by reveling in them. This, unfortunately, doesn't work at all.

Instead he presents an all-over-the-place muddle with a tone as mismatched as the cast, jumping between maudlin family moments and cheap gags involving Viagra and a goat.

The wedding of the title is between med school graduate Marcus (Lance Gross) and Lucia (America Ferrera), who've come back to Los Angeles to tell their families that they're dating, they're engaged and they're getting married in three weeks before Marcus heads off to work for Doctors Without Borders with Lucia in tow.

Oh, and Lucia has dropped out of law school. The audience is supposed to sympathize with the bland but likeable leads, but it's tough not to take the side of the shocked parents when bombshells are dropped in succession like that.



America Ferrera and Lance Gross star in Our Family Wedding.

Their fathers (Forrest Whitaker and Carlos Mencia in one of the most unlikely and unsuccessful comedy pairings) butt heads as the families rally to put together a wedding that mixes both cultures, and it's really all downhill from there, culminating in the aforementioned goat — hopped up on Viagra — sexually assaulting an Acade-

my Award-winning actor. It's unclear what Whitaker is doing here, especially when he's matched with Mencia, whose attempts at serious acting make it seem like his character is autistic.

- For an Our Family Wedding trailer, screen times and photos — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Eastwood aiming to direct Hoover biopic

C Clint Eastwood is busy locking down a deal to direct a biopic about FBI founder J. Edgar Hoover written by Milk scribe Dustin Lance Black. Imagine Entertainment's power producer Brian Grazer is overseeing the film. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Cattrall takes on political thriller

Sex and the City actress teams up with famed director Polanski for *The Ghost Writer*

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Ottawa

While she may be a star of one of those most well-known and successful franchises in TV and film history, Sex and the City star Kim Cattrall was still more than a little starstruck at the prospect of working for director Roman Polanski in his latest film, *The Ghost Writer*.

"It's unbelievable," she says, speaking to Metro by phone from London, where she's starring in Noel Coward's *Private Lives* in the West End. "My agent called me and said, 'Roman wants to talk to you.' I was like, 'What? Roman Polanski is going to call me. OK.'"

The stage and screen veteran found the equally celebrated and scandal-prone director charming. "He's incredibly witty and funny," she says.



Kim Cattrall plays Amelia Bly, the personal secretary to former British Prime Minister Adam Lang, in *The Ghost Writer*.

"He's got a cheeky sense of humour. He's also tough. Sometimes he seems impossible to please. But he's

a perfectionist, and perfectionists can drive you insane, but they can also inspire you to work incredi-

bly hard."

Cattrall insists she didn't mind Polanski's taskmaster tendencies. "The stakes

were high all the time. We would shoot some scenes initially in 40 minutes. If we didn't get it in 40 minutes within five or six takes, we weren't going to get the scene," she remembers. "It literally was like a machine, and he was the leader of it. It felt sometimes like going into battle, and he was our leader."

In *The Ghost Writer* — in theatres Friday —

Cattrall plays Amelia Bly, the inscrutable personal secretary to former British Prime Minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan). To prepare for the part, Cattrall went right to the source.

"I contacted someone in Gordon Brown's administration who'd basically done that," Cattrall says. "She was really helpful in

delving into Amelia Bly. This is a woman who really didn't have a personal life. Her life is Lang. She really is the wife. She sets everything in motion. Nothing moves without her."

And though she enjoys dramatic work such as *The Ghost Writer*, Cattrall says she's reveling in returning to comedy, both onstage in London and later this year in *Sex and the City 2* — though the theater has a distinct advantage.

"It's great to make people laugh. I did it on *Sex and the City*, but I didn't ever get to hear the laughter because it's on a DVD or TV, she insists. "But what's great about this show is it's instant. I love being in front of a live audience."

The Ghost Writer comes out next Friday

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland

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REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy *Alice In Wonderland*. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter take on the Mad Hatter and Red Queen respectively and unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant (mining his iron jawed lawman character from HBO's *Deadwood*) as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie" (Romero's original film is also known under the title *Code Name: Trixie*).

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Shutter Island

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REVIEW For years, Martin Scorsese has admitted his desire to have worked in old Hollywood; when directors were hired hands who nimbly changed subjects and genres from film to film.

Shutter Island sees the director slipping into this mode, taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture.

If he weren't such a talented personal filmmaker, this guy would be one hell of a journeyman director.

Shutter Island stars Leonardo DiCaprio in his fourth consecutive collaboration with Scorsese. De-

spite a wonky accent, it's one of DiCaprio's finest hours as an actor, even though multiple viewings are necessary to appreciate all the levels of his performance.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Valentine's Day

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REVIEW For his new romantic omnibus *Valentine's Day*, director Garry Marshall brings together an overwhelmingly impressive cast, including Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Anne Hathaway, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Patrick Dempsey, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Alba, Topher Grace, Shirley MacLaine, Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner. It's an embarrassment of A-list riches.

But so many big stars playing so many characters with so many Valentine's Day-related issues to work out makes the movie feel more than a little crowded. And while there's certainly something for everyone in the interconnecting story lines, *Valentine's Day* suffers from a supreme lack of focus. At the core of the film are a few very compelling stories played out by very charming actors, but there's too much else going on for the film to stop and give them the time they need.

If the fiends in *The Crazies* are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh.

The Crazies

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REVIEW The *Crazies* — director Breck Eisner's intense remake of George A. Romero's same named 1973 thriller — is not a zombie film. Sure, it deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of *Dawn of the Dead* guru Romero's name. But the fiends in *The Crazies* are not dead, nor do they

hunger for human flesh.

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***** A CLASSIC; ***** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Brosnan's more than Mr. Bond

InFocus



Richard Crouse

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Pierce Brosnan has never been nominated for an Oscar. He has a couple Golden Globe nods to his credit and an MTV Movie Best Fight Award statuette on his shelf, but so far the heavy gold has evaded him.



The Tooth Doctor

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Regular Periodontal Care May Help Prevent Heart Disease!

Emerging clinical research now suggests that effective brushing and flossing every day may do much more than just preserve your teeth.

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The researchers theorize that the bacteria that cause plaque also may cause white blood cells to release clotting factors and proteins leading to heart attacks.

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Perhaps because of his dapper good looks he doesn't get spoken about in the same breath as Colin Firth or Morgan Freeman. Perhaps a resume dotted with films like Dante's Peak knocks him down a peg or two in the Academy's opinion.

Or maybe it's his predilection for doing shamelessly populist fare like Mama Mia and this weekend's Remember Me (co-starring as Robert Pattison's father) that keeps him from being taken as seriously as say, George Clooney, another genetically blessed actor, who, like Brosnan, got his big break on television.

He could have been nominated for his work in The Matador, a little seen, but critically lauded film from 2005. In it Brosnan plays Julian Noble a jaded hit man, or "facilitator of fatalities" who finds a confidant in a struggling businessman, played by Greg Kinnear.

Brosnan's performance as Julian, the hit man who de-



Pierce Brosnan may have never received the credit he deserves, but that might change with his role in The Ghost Writer.

velops confidence problems, is a revelation. We have seen Brosnan as the slickly comic private eye Remington Steele on television, the sophisticated James Bond and even as the suave jewel thief in The Thomas Crown Affair but until now we have never seen him in Beatle boots and a Speedo traipsing

across a hotel lobby.

His Julian is a manic creation — amoral, rude and unlike Bond, the character that has defined his career for the last decade, unshaven.

With this one performance Brosnan entered a new phase in his career, effortlessly leaving the urbane Bond behind.

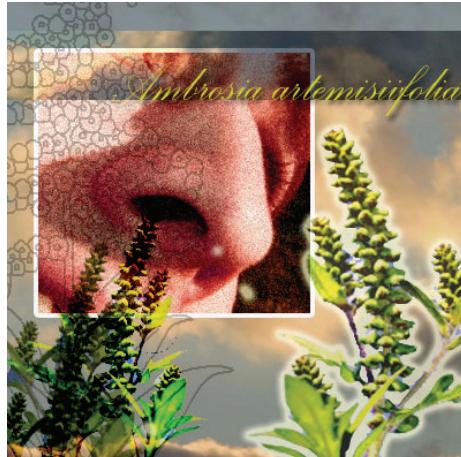
Maybe next year he'll finally get the recognition he deserves when the Academy gets a load of his work in The Ghost Writer. As ex-prime minister Adam Lang he embodies the role, like he was born for photo ops in front of private jets, waving to his constituents.

It's good work that effectively erased the image of him as a half man / half horse in the recent film Percy Jackson and the Olympians.

Despite the odd misstep, he is an interesting actor who deserves more respect than he gets.

If the movie gods can allow Monique to go from co-starring in Beerfest to winning a Best Supporting Actress Oscar, surely they can ignore Brosnan's silly beard in an ill conceived Robinson Crusoe remake or the non-thrilling thriller Live Wire and finally give him his due.

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1. Valleys of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix
2. Plastic Beach, Gorillaz
3. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
4. Recollection, k.d. lang
5. Soldier of Love, Sade
6. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas
7. I Believe, Nikki Yanofsky
8. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
9. Better in Time, Bobby Bazini
10. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé

Top 5 COUNTRY

1. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
2. Recollection, k.d. lang
3. American VI: Ain't No Grave - Johnny Cash
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Collett shares the stage

Broken Social Scene member passes musical torch to Zeus, Bahamas

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

their respective songs.

"A lot of fans know our history and have been excited to see the growth of Zeus and Afie's solo work," he says. "You get more out of an evening when you see musicians sharing."

But Zeus and Bahamas aren't the only one's growing. Collett's latest, *Rat a Tat Tat*, is his best disc yet. While it's not much different from his past efforts — it's still a combination of Dylan folk sounds and Joel Plaskett-like rock tunes — the songs are more infectious and focused than what we've heard from him before.

"I feel like I'm hitting my stride," he reveals. "My writing's better, but I'm always learning and there's still room to grow."

While he is improving musically, it's the lyrics that really stand out.

Specifically,

Lake Superior and Winnipeg Winds, and

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Jason Collett

two tracks that, Collett hopes, adds something to an already rich history of Canadian songwriters singing about this country.

On the latter track, Collett captures a Winnipeg winter perfectly, even though he's never actually experienced one. The haunting atmospheric acoustics would make the perfect soundtrack to a dark Winnipeg night, while the lyrics "Never could get used to those Winnipeg Winds ... Sleepwalking with skeleton keys jangling," should sound familiar to any Pegger trying to unlock a door as the early morning breeze freezes their hands at the knuckles.

Collett says his decision to talk about Canadian locales on this disc was mostly for fun. There are so many American songs that reference places — like Memphis or Route 66 — so he wanted to see what he could come up with using Canadian spots.

"American mythology looms so large in all our minds," he says. "Canada has so many fabulous names, like Thunder Bay or Saskatchewan and I've taken them for granted. They have a certain quality to them that can be conjured. So I set about to see if I can do a little conjuring and the stories revealed themselves. It was just a little exercise I've had fun with."



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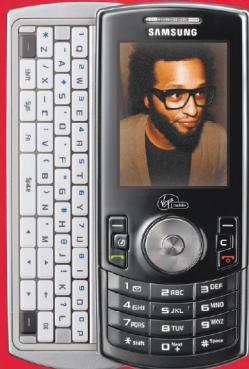
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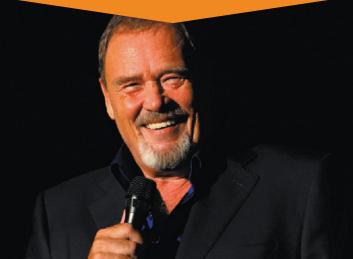
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Postdata plays the Blacksheep on Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. with Julie Fader.

Postdata is personal

Wintersleep frontman teams with brother

ANDREW FIFIELD
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"The album was written the year our grandparents died, and we didn't record it with the thought of releasing it."

Paul Murphy

Don't mistake Postdata's self-titled debut for a bleak set of songs, however. Rather, it's the kind of quiet, bedroom affair that briefly flirted with becoming huge back when Red House Painters were soundtracking Gap commercials.

Far from having to rely on the sometimes harrowing topics at hand, Postdata's bare bones subtlety leaves enough space for its sound to create an impact all its own. In another life, album highlight Paranoid Clusters could have the heart and tempo of a Celtic stomper that betrays Murphy's Nova Scotia roots. It may also offer hints to future collaborations between the Murphys.

"The album was written the year our grandparents died, and we didn't record it with the thought of releasing it," Murphy said of the deeply personal album. "We just played it into a laptop. But after hearing it, we kind of got into the mood."

"That was one of the first songs that was written for this album, it's one of my favourites," Murphy says.

"But it's hard to say what would happen if we made another record together. You don't want to box yourself into anything."

Having just road tested the material to rave reviews on a European tour, Postdata have a handful of Canadian dates slotted for the spring before Murphy returns to his day job with Wintersleep, which is currently working on a new album set for a May release.

"The crowds were great, but it was a little different. It definitely wasn't a Wintersleep crowd."

And this definitely isn't a Wintersleep album. But for fans of Murphy's better-known work, Postdata is a chance to catch him in a moment of intimacy that might never be repeated.

Pink Floyd wins royalty battle with EMI

COURTS In a victory for the concept album, Britain's High Court yesterday ordered record company EMI Group Ltd. to stop selling downloads of Pink Floyd tracks individually rather than as part of the band's original records.

The prog-rock group sued the music label, saying its contract prohibited selling the tracks "unbundled" from their original album setting.

Pink Floyd lawyer Robert Howe said the band was known for producing "seamless" pieces of music on albums like Dark Side

"(EMI is) not entitled to exploit recordings by online distribution or by any other means other than the complete original album without Pink Floyd's consent."

Judge Andrew Morritt

in the band's contract — negotiated a decade ago, before the advent of iTunes and other online retailers — applied only to physical albums, not Internet sales.

Judge Andrew Morritt backed the band, saying the contract protected "the artistic integrity of the albums."

He ruled that EMI is "not entitled to exploit recordings by online distribution or by any other means other than the complete original album without Pink Floyd's consent."

EMI claimed the clause

of the Moon, The Division Bell and The Wall, and wanted to retain artistic control.

EMI claimed the clause

Music

Labour of Love

Hole frontwoman dishes on colourful past

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Courtney Love wants to talk. And she does — for almost two hours.

The occasion is the release of Skinny Little B—, the solid first single from Nobody's Daughter, the first Hole album since 1998's Celebrity Skin.

"The disaster record (her 2004 solo album, America's Sweetheart) didn't count any more than Mick Jagger should count She's the Boss (his 1985 solo bomb)."

Over the course of our conversation, which included countless stream-of-consciousness detours, unexpected tangents, name-drops and revelations, I learned the following:

• After a stint as a stripper in Japan in the early '80s, Courtney had designs on being a record producer. She dropped into Windmill Lane studios in

Dublin to drop off a resume ended up working with U2.

Nobody's Daughter, will be released on April 27.

on October for five days "before I was fired." She didn't mention why.

• She almost had Mariah Carey sing back-up on Nobody's Daughter, which would have required her to sing some interesting fanfancies. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be.

• Courtney didn't write a song for almost four years because she had become far too comfortable in her Beverly Hills home, but then she was hit with her own financial crisis. "Frances (her daughter) getting me out of L.A. was really good because I wasn't leaving the house. We had

some

very scary times. They froze my bank account. I had 120 bucks. I've been poor before — but maybe it's good with checking in to be poor because then you get hungry again." She sought out Duff McKagan (Guns 'N Roses, Velvet Revolver) for financial advice because he has an MBA and writes a financial column.

• Both she and husband Kurt Cobain disagreed with the choice of Smells Like Teen Spirit as the first single from Nevermind. They both wanted In Bloom while the record company initially wanted Lithium.

• Courtney is pressing ahead with the bio-pic on Kurt called Heavier Than Heaven. She knows who has been cast in the lead roles but she won't say anymore than that.

• She also has an idea for a Lollapalooza-like festival and is currently trying to enlist support from her circle of celebrity friends.

There's more — some of which you can hear for yourself at exploremusic.com — but it's going to take me a while to sort through the rest of the interview. Nobody's Daughter will finally be released April 27.

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A new Hendrix experience

Jimi Hendrix

Album: *Valleys of Neptune*
Label: Sony Music
Rating:

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

DON'T GET FOOLED by the hype. Valleys of Neptune is not the Hendrix holy grail. Not even close. While it is several notches above previous posthumous releases (First Rays of the Rising Sun excluded), Valleys of Neptune remains a compendium of outtakes and warm-up tracks. There is little here that approaches the genius so evident in the albums released during Hendrix's

all-too short life. The majority of these 12 studio tracks were recorded in the spring of 1969. It was a turbulent time for the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Bassist Noel Redding left part way through, replaced by Billy Cox.

Eddie Kramer, original soundman for the Hendrix originals, has lovingly remastered the recordings, but still the magic isn't there.

There are three reworkings of songs dating from 1967's Are You Experienced — Stone Free, Fire and Red House. It's hard to imagine Hendrix ever wanting them released. There is also Hendrix's instrumental take on the Cream hit Sunshine of Your Love. Fans would like to point to this as proof Hendrix was better than

Eric Clapton. There's no knockout punch here, though.

The fiery solos on the blues tracks Hear My Train A Comin' and Ships Passing Through the Night are the only real standouts.

Better news for Hendrix fans is Sony's release this week of remastered versions of the guitar wizard's core catalogue — Are You Experienced, Axis: Bold as Love, Electric Ladyland, Band of Gypsys and the posthumous First Rays of the Rising Sun. With new liner notes and accompanying DVDs detailing the process each record was made, these repackaged works are must haves for Hendrix fans.

If you still have a hunger for Hendrix, then — and only then — go out and buy Valleys of Neptune.

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Live from New York ...

Television

Someone is missing from Top Model

A British TV series questions whether there is a place for disabled women in modelling

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



Is the fashion world ready for a disabled model?

Probably not, says Sophie Morgan, one of eight disabled women vying for a modeling career on the reality series Britain's Missing Top Model.

"I loved that the show raised that question and tried to answer it," says Morgan, who was paralyzed below her chest in a car accident six years ago.

"And I think the disabled have every right to share that catwalk."

Sophie Morgan, a contestant on Britain's Missing Top Model

through their supermodel paces as they vie for a modeling contract and a magazine shoot.

BMTH best resembles your typical model search show but one that challenges society's preconceptions on beauty.

"I was worried the show would be handled badly," says the Sussex-born Morgan, the only contestant in a wheel chair.

"But in the end, I decided it would be a challenge and a weird thing to do.

"So I did it. And I enjoyed it. And it definitely

taught me things and gave me more confidence."

Confidence — apparently — that made her realize she didn't want to be a model.

"It sort of pushed me away from modeling. I didn't like how the models were treated and how they didn't have a voice. It was all about clothes," she says.

A lot of Morgan's time these days is spent as the spokeswoman for IMPERFECT, an organization that functions as both a support group and an activist group that draws attention to cases of disability dis-

crimination.

"It's aimed at inspiring self-confidence and empowering disabled people to stand up for themselves."



Sophie Morgan is one of eight contestants on the show.

A sneak peak ...

- You can catch a sneak peak of Britain's Missing Top Model on One this Saturday and Sunday night.
- It then moves to its regular time slot on Monday nights.

Pulling together in new TV series The Pacific

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



After an enduring 18 years in Hollywood, Jon Seda finally landed perhaps the most important role of his career.

The long-time thespian, who has played everything from Jennifer Lopez's love interest in Selena to Detective Falsone on the TV series' Homicide: Life on the Street, is now making his mark as a sharp-shooting sergeant in HBO's \$200-million 10-part wartime mini-series The Pacific.

"At first it seemed like something you want to be

part of because as an actor you've got (producers) Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg (and) you know what they did with Band of Brothers (which they produced in 2001 for HBO as well)," said Seda during a recent interview.

"But when you actually start diving into the research and start shooting and boot camp and all that, there's a point where I think it really hit (the actors) that this was something bigger than us."



Jon Seda stars in the new HBO mini-series The Pacific.

Based on the true stories of three U.S. Marines stationed in South East Asia during the Second World War, The Pacific is a fascinating historical account of the men who fought

barbaric battles in dense jungles against a persistent enemy that refused to surrender.

"This was definitely the most physically demanding thing I've been a part of but I think the surprise was it was equally or more mentally challenging."

Jon Seda

of but I think the surprise was it was equally or more mentally challenging," admitted Seda of the intense 10-month film shoot.

"When you think about what (these soldiers) actually went through ... we had to stay in line with what they actually did so the re-

ality of the fact that someone went through this was pretty overwhelming."

That wasn't the only overwhelming aspect for the hundreds of intimidated young actors who took part in The Pacific.

Heightened by its big-name production duo, Tom Hanks even played a general one day when he rode up in a jeep and brought an air of calm to the troops.

"I'm pretty sure it was the first day of boot camp and he gave a big speech to everyone," reflected Seda fondly. "He said, 'We're all here, we're all family, we're all together and we'll get through this together' and that kind of set the tone and got us going."



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Conan to tour North America

Without a TV show to do every night, Conan O'Brien is taking his act on the road. And he's stopping in Canada.

The former Tonight Show host announced a 30-city theatre tour on Thursday. Sidekick Andy Richter and the former Tonight Show band will join O'Brien for what he calls "a night of music, comedy, hugging and the occasional awkward silence."

The tour, called The

Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television Tour, begins April 12 in Eugene, Ore., and he's in Vancouver the next two nights. He's in Enoch, Alta., on April 17 and Toronto on May 22.

O'Brien quipped: "It was Conan O'Brien either a massive 30-city tour or start helping out around the house."



O'Brien quit The Tonight Show in January instead of taking NBC's offer to move his start time back by a half-hour. Jay Leno is back in his old slot. O'Brien hasn't announced any future television plans.

The cheapest ticket in Toronto and Vancouver is \$58.13 after fees and go as high as

\$103.13. A special "hot seat" ticket \$262.63.

Prices are more expensive at the Enoch show, at the River Cree Resort & Casino, with regular tickets ranging from \$97.50 to \$137.50 after fees. A special meet and greet with O'Brien goes for \$695 per person.

For a complete list of tour dates and ticket information visit teamco.com.

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OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3/12/10 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	The Art of Spain	Agenda With Steve Paikin	Heartbeat "Pass the Parcel"	A. Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin		
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Amy"	Shark Tank	NUMBERS (N)	News Hour		
	209	342	6	CHRO	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	America's Next Top Model	Look-A-Like	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Comedy Now	
	196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV)	The Bridge (N) (DVS)	CTV News	CTV News	
	208	303	8	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: The fifth estate	CBC News: The National (N)	The Hour (N)	
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?	Dateline NBC	Two/Half Men			
	-	362	13	CBS	The Insider	Judge-Brown	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV)	NUMBERS (N)	Two/Half Men		
	216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	News: Cantonese Edition	Two/Half Men	King/Queens	Cold Case	
	214	344	15	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)	Who Do You Think You Are?	Supernanny (N)	Supernanny (N)	Supernanny (N)	Supernanny (N)	News	
	218	345	18	CHCH	Teen Wolf	★★ (1985, Comedy)	Michael J. Fox	Hoosiers *** (1986, Drama)	Gene Hackman	News at 11		
3/13/10 primetime	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Supernanny (N)	Supernanny (N)	20/20 "Haywire" (N)	FOX 2 News (N)	News	
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Epic Fall"	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	FOX 2 News (N)	News		
	500	500	33	CNN	Situation Room	Wolf Blitzer	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)			
	406	417	27	net	Curling 2010	Skating FIS Alpine.	UFC	The Rookies	Billiards: US Open 9 Ball	Sportsnet Connected	Prime Time	
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes	Les Grands reportages	Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal		
	400	280	30	TSN	(6:30) Curling 2010	Tim Hortons Brier, Page Playoff: From Halifax.		SportsCentre	Le Hockey	SportsCentre		
	554	448	48	TEL	Star Wars C.	Star Wars C.	Star Wars C.	Futurama	King of Hill	Wonder Woman (2008, Action)		
	557	540	51	FAM	Han. Montana	Motorcrossed (2001, Adventure)		(9:01) Gotta Kick It Up (2002, Drama)	The Haunted Mansion			
	551	542	65	YTV	Sydney White	★★ (2007, Comedy)	Amanda Bynes, Matt Long.	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal	Criminal	
3/14/10 family	528	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI	Pure Pwnage	
	516	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008, Drama)			Kenny vs.	Trailer Park		
	526	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)	Desiree Jobs	Man vs. Wild "Pacific Island"	16 and Pregnant	Machines of Malice	Daily Planet		
	581	566	53	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs	The Real World	16 and Pregnant	1 girl 5 gays		
	522	506	55	HIS	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect (HDTV)	Donnie Brasco *** (1997, Crime Drama)	Al Pacino, Johnny Depp.				
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	The Wild Chef	Chef Abroad	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive-In	Ramsay	
	406	417	27	net	English Premier League Soccer							
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	Million Dollar Challenge	Sportsnet		
	400	280	30	TSN	(6:30) Curling 2010	Tim Hortons Brier, Semifinal. (Live)	Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages	Le Téléjournal	Le Téléjournal		
	554	448	48	TEL	Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002, Science Fiction)			SportsCentre	NBA Basketball			
3/15/10 primetime	557	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Chicken	Futurama	King of Hill	
	551	542	65	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Darkroom"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
	628	584	32	SPKE	(6) Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002)		Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005, Science Fiction)					
	616	521	39	SHO	Slings and Arrows	A Decent Proposal (2007, Drama)	Jessica Tuck.	27 Dresses (2008, Romance-Comedy)				
	524	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Dirty Jobs "Worm Grunter"	Vermintors (N)	Ghost Lab (N)		
	581	566	53	MTV	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Sex News		
	522	506	55	HIS	Nostradamus Effect (HDTV)	Cities of the Underworld	The Departed *** (2006, Crime Drama)	Leonardo DiCaprio.				
	603	561	95	FN	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Gourmets	Chopped	Top Chef Masters	Hell's Kitchen		
	406	417	27	net	OMJHL Hockey	Saint John Sea Dogs at Moncton Wildcats. (Live)	CNN Presents	A city manager wants to be a woman.				
3/16/10 family	265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy	Child Genius 2 "At Thirteen"	Grace! (2009, Documentary)	Jane Horrocks.	The View From Here			
	211	331	3	GTV	King of Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice	Each team must run a diner.	News Hour		
	209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)	Gossip Girl	Undercover Boss (N)	Nip/Tuck (N) (DVS)	In Fashion			
	196	311	7	CTV	Human Target (N)	The Amazing Race 16	Desperate Housewives	Cold Case "One Fall"	CTV News			
	208	303	8	CBC	Heartland (N)	Abroad (2010, Romance-Comedy)	Liane Balaban.	CBC News: The National	Spies			
	-	360	9	NBC	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice	Each team must run a diner.	News			
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	Undercover Boss (N)	Cold Case "One Fall"	CSI: Miami			
	216	395	14	OMN2	Shooting for Change	Bollywood Boulevard	Most Amazing	Aaram	Arirang Korea	Of Blessings		
	214	344	15	CITY	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Murdoch Mysteries	Survivorman	Crusoe			
	218	345	18	CHCH	Wild Wild West	★★ (1999, Action)	Will Smith, Kevin Kline.	The Terminator *** (1984, Science Fiction)	News at 11			
3/17/10 family	-	361	20	ABC	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters	News			
	-	365	36	FOX	Til Death (N)	Til Death (N)	The Simpsons	FOX 2 News at 10:00pm (N)	Sportsworks			
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents	Newsroom	CNN Presents			
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	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Humanima	Une heure sur Terre (SC)	Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir	Regard	Le Téléjournal	
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	554	448	48	TEL	Stoked	Total Drama	Majority Rules	6TEEN	Futurama	Chicken	Tripping-Rift	
	557	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Magic in the Water *** (1995, Fantasy)	Tripping-Rift	(10:41) A Dog of Flanders	
	551	542	65	YTV	(6) Stardust *** (2007, Fantasy)	Claire Danes.	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline	
	615	520	31	A&E	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	
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	616	521	39	SHO	Crash & Burn (HDTV)	Secret Lives (2005, Suspense)	Daphne Zuniga.					
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters Ninjas.	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	MythBusters (N)	A. Boudain			
	581	566	53	MTV	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	1 girl 5 gays	
	522	506	55	HIS	Ancient Discoveries	Underworld Histories	American Gangster *** (2007, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington.				
	603	561	95	FN	Challenge	Jamie's Chef	Iron Chef America	Dinner: Impossible	Restaurant			
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Going Out

Metro's **7th Heaven**: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 The Pacific

TV Tom Hank's newest look at the Second World War focuses on the Pacific theatre, following the real life experiences of three U.S. Marines. The 10-part series cost \$200 million US to make, and premieres on HBO Canada on Sunday.

**2 '80s Nostalgia**

POP CULTURE How could you not be feeling a little nostalgic this week with the John Hughes' memorial at the Academy Awards last Sunday — including the much-tweeted appearance of Judd Nelson — followed by the tragic death of Corey Haim on Wednesday. Head to the video store this weekend and rent a copy of *The Lost Boys*, *Sixteen Candles* and *Say Anything* — or, dig out those old Betamax and VHS tapes from the basement.

3 Quarantine The Past: Greatest Hits by Pavement

ALBUM Now that '90s indie stalwarts Pavement are touring again — they will be heading northwards this summer for a concert in Toronto — there is no excuse to be oblivious of their influence. This new compilation is a good place to fall in love with Stephen Malkmus and co. and their best slacker-friendly tunes — Gold Soundz, Cut Your Hair, Shady Lane, it's all here.

**4 Starbucks Via**

FOOD Starbucks unveiled its line of ready brew coffees last year, and now it's going decaf. This week, the coffee chain premiered its Starbucks VIA Ready Brew Decaffeinated Italian Roast, giving you an in-store coffee taste, but with less jitters.

**5 Killing Willis**

BOOKS With all their problems over the years, it would appear that child stars on *Diff'rent Strokes* are cursed. Now, Todd Bridges is weighing in on the theory with *Killing Willis: From Diff'rent Strokes to the Mean Streets to the Life I Always Wanted*, chronicling his fall from teen idol to tabloid joke. It is in stores on Tuesday.

6 Broken Embraces

DVD Pedro Almodóvar and his muse Penélope Cruz reunited last year for the drama *Broken Embraces* — garnering critical acclaim and a number of award nominations. Now, the DVD is set to hit store shelves on Tuesday.

**7 The Hurt Locker**

THEATRE You may have missed *The Hurt Locker* when it played in theatres the first time, but now that it won the Academy Award for Best Picture — and garnered Kathryn Bigelow the first ever Oscar for a female director — the film is heading back to the big screen.

Mix of Six

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Show Tune Showdown 2010

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Ottawa Little Theatre, 400 King Edward Ave.

A blend of Canadian Idol, Jeopardy, and Name That Tune with the glitz of Broadway and some homegrown fun.

Elementos

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre, South Hall

Cuba's all-female dance troupe, Lizz Alfonso Dance Cuba, returns to the NAC with Elementos — a program where earth, air, fire and water take on colourful human form.

2010 Acoustic Waves presents Ana Miura

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, 1233 Wellington St.

Well-known on Ottawa's festival stages, Ana Miura has shared the stage with Bruce Cockburn, Joel Plaskett, and Steven Page and has opened for Sarah

St. Patrick's Day 1K, 5K and 10K Run

When: Saturday, 9 a.m.
Where: Immaculata High School, 140 Main St.

There's still time to sign up for the race on the morning of the event, which takes runners down Colonel By Drive.

John English wins Shaughnessy Cohen Prize

BOOK John English of Kitchener, Ont., has won the \$25,000 Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing for his latest biography on Pierre Trudeau.

The former MP and history professor at the University of Waterloo nabbed the prize Wednesday night at the Politics and the Pen gala in Ottawa.

English was honoured for his book *Just Watch Me: The Life of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, 1968-2000*, published by Knopf Canada.

Jury members said English "deepens our understanding" of Trudeau by accessing mining hard-to-access materials for the book.

"Just Watch Me sets a new literary standard for Canadian political biography," jurors Andrew Nikiforuk, Erna Paris and Michael Petrou wrote in a release.

English was nominated for the same prize in 2006 for his book *Citizen of the World: The Life of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, 1919-1968*.

He also authored a two-volume biography of Lester Pearson.

The other four finalists for this year's prize receive \$2,500 each.

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Tiger mistresses on Stern

Three women who have claimed to be Tiger Woods' mistress competed in the Tiger Woods Mistress Beauty Pageant on Thursday morning's Howard Stern Show. Congratulations to Jamie Jungers, 27, who won \$75,000 and some golf balls. ew.com

Drinking like Don Draper

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

All those episodes of Mad Men have you craving cigarettes and whiskey? Glenfiddich brand ambassador helps us learn more about dad's drink.

Blame it on our ongoing obsession with Mad Men or the freezing cold weather, but we want to be badass and throw back a whiskey the next time we go out.

Heather Greene — brand ambassador of Glenfiddich and one of the world's only female whiskey experts — shows us how to order Don's drink in style.

Q Hmmm, so you're a world class whiskey expert?

A We traditionally think of whiskey as the domain of older men. I think that changing. It's fun to be at this position as a woman — it adds an element of surprise.

Q What's the difference between whiskey and scotch?

A Scotch is a whiskey. Whiskey is the umbrella term and underneath that you have scotch, bourbon, rye, Canadian whiskey, Japanese whiskey ... Scotland is the godfather of whiskey, so it has its own category — whiskey from Scotland is scotch.

Scotch is such a huge category it's actually divided into two: You either

have blended scotches or single malt scotches.

Q What's your drink of choice at bars?

A Lately, it's Glenfiddich 12 Old Fashioned, which is Donald Draper's favourite drink. You put that on ice and it's a cocktail in and of itself. It's affordable, it's really good. It has a nice silky vanilla pear overtone to it.

Q Any tips to sound like we know what we're talking about at a bar?

A If you're in a nice bar I would say, "Can I see your single malt scotch list?"

Q What's a single malt?

A Single malt is made with water, yeast and barley and it's distilled in pot stills and condensed. Then it's put in beautiful barrels to age for a minimum of three years — that's when you have your single malt scotch. It's quite a process and a very artisanal world.

Q So, what's blended scotch?

A Single means one single distillery. In a blended scotch, you can take up to 30 to 40 different distilleries and blend them together. You don't have to use just water, yeast and barley. They can use any kind of grain.



Actor Jon Hamm plays Donald Draper on Mad Men.

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Evan Rachel Wood, who was originally cast to play Mary Jane Watson in Spider-Man, Turn Off the Dark, has dropped out of the Broadway musical because of scheduling conflicts, Entertainment Weekly reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dropping Spider-Man

Celebrity Buzz

She's dancing for the kids

NOT THE CELEBRITY STATUS, SWAG AND OODLES OF MONEY

Kate Gosselin is a mom on a mission: Win the mirror-ball trophy on Dancing with the Stars, people.com reports.

But whether she'll pull it off is another story. The mother of eight says there's just a slight obstacle — dancing, it turns out, isn't her forte.

"I do want to win. It's just that the dancing part is getting in the way of winning," she

tells People in the new issue.

"In my mind, I'm winning. In my actions, not so much."

Gosselin, 34, says that no matter how long she manages to hold out on DWTS, the important thing is that she does her best.

"If I last two weeks on the show, I've shown my kids that hard work and perseverance pays off," says

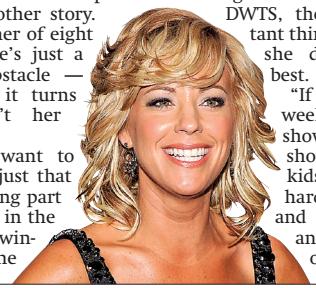
Gosselin, whose pro partner is Tony Dovolani.

"And if I don't win, I've shown them you don't always have to come in first. You just have to keep on trying."

The new season of DWTS, with Brooke Burke replacing Samantha Harris as co-host, begins March 22.

Gosselin will be waltzing her way to the top, competing against actresses Pamela Anderson and Shannen Doherty, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and Bachelor star Jake Pavelka, among others.

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Settling into the new pad

IT'S GOT MANLY METAL BARS AND A COOL BUNK BED

As of Monday, rapper Lil Wayne has a new moniker: Inmate Carter, people.com reports.

The platinum-selling artist (real name: Dwayne Michael Carter Jr.), who began his year-long jail sentence for gun possession on Monday, is facing a lot of new circumstances these days.

The rapper is living among the general population of inmates at the Eric

M. Taylor Center (a facility for sentenced males on Riker's Island), but he is also afforded a low level of protective custody, due to his public profile.

"Inmate Carter is in a category of housing that we call 'general population/escort,'" a New York City Department of Corrections official tells People.

That means when he leaves

the housing area (his cell or the day room), he will have a captain escorting him at all times.

On an hourly basis, the rapper can decide if he wants to be locked in his cell or locked out of it — for security reasons, inmates are not allowed to freely move between their cell and the common areas.

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Lil Wayne

Repaying kindness with coffee

GOOD THING SHE HAS A FLEET OF PHOTOGRAPHERS FOLLOWING HER. THAT PARKING TICKET WOULD HAVE REALLY GOUGED HER

Renee Zellweger is very pleased with the paparazzi, usmagazine.com reports.

On Wednesday, the actress,

40, was in the middle of ordering drinks at a Starbucks in Santa Monica, Calif., when a paparazzo outside noticed her parking metre was about to expire. To save her from getting a ticket, he slipped a few coins in the meter. Appre-

cative, Zellweger — who is now dating Bradley Cooper — returned to the coffee chain, bought a \$100 gift card and rewarded the photographer.

On the back of the card, she personally expressed her gratitude: "Wow. Thank you so much for the kindness," she wrote.

"Warmly, with gratitude. Renee."

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Mom's cancer had got him down

UM, WELL, YES, THAT WOULD MAKE ANYONE FEEL A LITTLE BLUE

When Corey Haim recently called Jensen LeFlore, his director on the movie Decisions, his mood was markedly different from the upbeat, Frisbee-playing actor on the set just a few weeks earlier, reports People.com.

Haim explained that he

"That was the only time I really heard him down," the director tells People.

"His mom was all Corey had ... He was focused on taking care of his mom. They were living together. He wanted to take care of her."

In the end, it was his mother who called 911 on Wednes-

day from her Los Angeles area apartment to report Corey had collapsed and wasn't responsive.

The actor was later declared dead at the hospital, possibly a victim of an overdose, according to the

LAPD.
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Doesn't want a tainted rep

TALKING EXPLICITLY ABOUT YOUR SEX LIFE IS THE OBVIOUS WAY TO GO

In a remarkably candid interview with Men's Health magazine, Gerard Butler admits that since he's become famous he's grown paranoid about having sex.

"I get laid less now than I used to, because I'm way more paranoid now," he says.

"I mean, I'm nowhere near as naughty as I used to be, partly because

I did a lot of that when I was drinking."

But he insists he hasn't become celibate.

"I'm not saying I've cut that part out. I'm certainly no angel. There's no smoke without fire."

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Fractals and melting walls?

NOPE. ACID INSPIRED HIM TO AUDITION FOR IDOL ... SOUNDS LIKE ONE BAD TRIP

Former American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert is happy with his

success, and says it's all because he "found himself" while taking LSD, according to Hollyscoop.

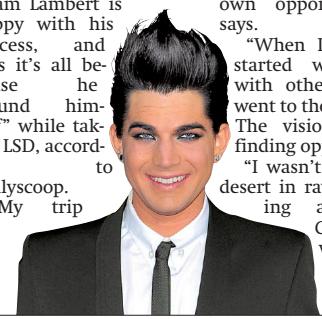
"My trip led me to

some epiphanies about who I was as a performer, what I wanted to do and how I needed to create my own opportunities," he says.

"When I got home, I started writing music with other people and went to the Idol audition. The vision was about finding opportunities.

"I wasn't sitting in the desert in rave-wear thinking about Simon Cowell when I was on acid."

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Mischa's moving out

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The former O.C. star has decided to move away from Beverly Hills and has put her \$8.4 million US Tuscan-style mansion on the market, reports People.com.

It was recently reported Mischa is being sued by M.R.A. Realties for failing to pay the \$7,000-a-month rent on her New York apartment for three months. Mischa signed the one-year lease for the apartment last September so she had somewhere to live while she filmed TV series The Beautiful Life, but the programme was cancelled after just two shows.

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Attitude not appreciated

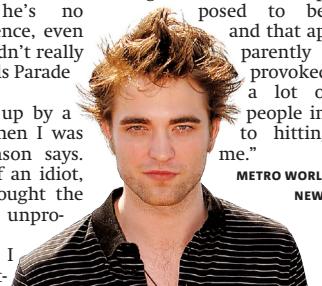
NOT A FAVOURITE IN THE SCHOOLYARD. SHOCKER! Twilight star Robert Pattinson admits that he's no stranger to violence, even if he thinks he didn't really deserve it, he tells Parade magazine.

"I got beaten up by a lot of people when I was younger," Pattinson says. "I was a bit of an idiot, but I always thought the assaults were unprovoked."

"It was after I first started act-

ing and I liked to behave like an actor, or how I thought an actor was supposed to be, and that apparently provoked a lot of people into hitting me."

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Fired husband hired psychic

THERE IS A WHOLE LOT OF CRAZY GOING ON HERE Since her debut album flopped, Heidi Montag has decided to fire husband Spencer

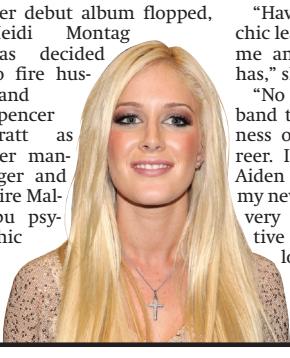
Pratt as her manager and hire Malibu psychic

Aiden Chase instead, she tells People magazine.

"Having an intuitive psychic leading my team gives me an edge no one else has," she says.

"No longer is my husband the face of my business or managing my career. I am going to have Aiden Chase help manage my new life and career in a very different and positive way with light and love."

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Gaga over the great seats

WOULD YOU DANCE TO YOUR OWN SONG? Lady Gaga got the best seat in the house for opening night at L.A. nightspot Trousdale. The pop star, in a short blonde wig and black hat, whispered in her friends' ears and moving around her booth all night.

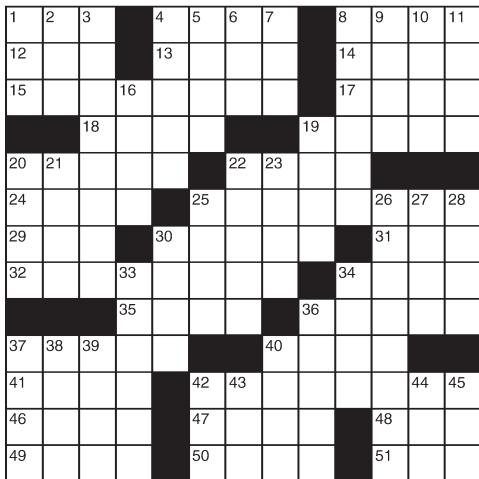
Gaga was in a pleasant mood, but got really excited and started dancing when the deejay played her hit Paparazzi, people.com reports.

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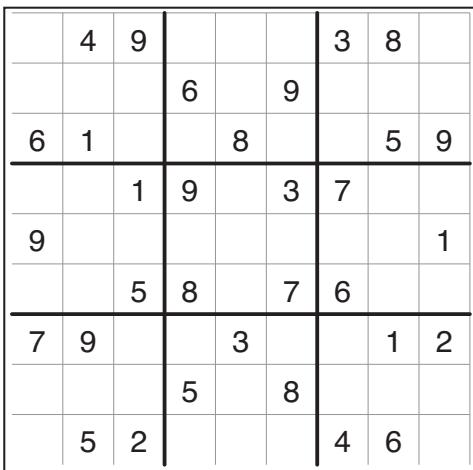


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Don't worry too much if saying what you mean does not come easy today. The words may get stuck now but you'll have plenty to say next week.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

You may dislike making choices but you are now faced by one that is impossible to avoid. It is obvious that something has to give.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Be realistic about a project you are involved in, especially if you are thinking ten steps ahead of everyone else.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

You are not the sort who can be fooled easily and even if you are half asleep today you will quickly work out who is trying to pull the wool over your eyes.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

If you make a mistake the best thing you can do is to admit it. The more you try to cover up the error the more it will be compounded.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Act with authority and speak with conviction. Make sure everyone knows you are someone to be treated with respect.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Listen to what a friend who can usually be trusted tells you today. It may sound a bit far-fetched but chances are they've got their finger on the pulse.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

You cannot agree with everyone and someone will get rather cross too today when they hear what your opinions are on a topic that is dear to them.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23****VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

If your instincts tell you one thing today and a work or business colleague tells you something completely different, which one do you trust?

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Try not to attach too much importance to the news that comes your way today, because there is also a large slice of it which is pure nonsense.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MARCH 20**

Make the most of the Sun in your sign to put your own interests first and don't worry for even a moment that other people might be missing out.

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1. Heat oil in pot. Add chicken; season and cook over high heat 2 minutes, turning. Remove from pot and set aside.

2. Add mushrooms to pot and cook over high heat, stirring, 1 minute. Reduce heat; add leeks, then

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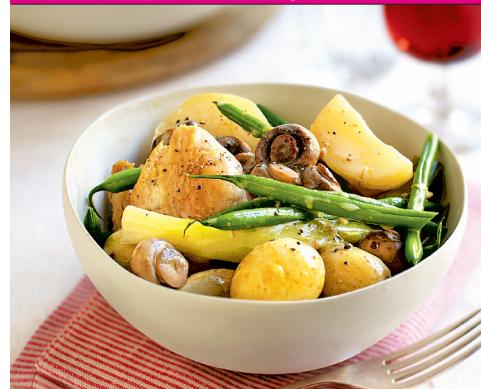
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2 tbsp olive oil
8 skinless boneless chicken thighs
250 g button mushrooms
6 oz (175 g) baby leeks
4 small turnips, peeled and quartered
500 g pre-washed small new potatoes
2 1/3 cups chicken stock, made with stock cube
4 tbsp medium or sweet sherry
200 g green beans
1 tbsp cornstarch
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
Grated zest of 1 lemon

turnips and potatoes.
3. Pour in stock and sherry. Bring to boil. Add chicken and juices from plate. Reduce heat, cover and cook 10 minutes.

4. Add beans, cover and bubble until chicken and vegetables are cooked. Divide among four plates. Keep warm.
5. Boil stock uncovered over high heat 5 minutes to reduce. Meanwhile, mix cornstarch with yogurt and lemon zest.
6. Gradually add most of reduced stock to yogurt mixture, stirring, and pour back into pot. Boil, stirring, to thicken sauce. Pour some sauce over chicken and vegetables; serve remainder separately.

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